

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-9, 13-18 and 22-26 are pending in the application. The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 5-9, 13-18 and 22-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kovesdi et al. (U.S. Publication 2003/0155413) in view of Willins et al. (U.S. Publication 2005/0108646).

On October 22, 2008 Applicants' representative conducted a telephonic interview with the Examiner. Specifically discussed, among other items, were the recitations of "consulting the directional tags to audibly present each class from a different position in space based on the directional tags", "receiving an input command from the user, said input command containing information identifying a position in space from which a class was presented", and "presenting sub-class information of the class identified by said input command." FIG. 1 was reviewed to assist in the understanding of the claims. It was understood that the references might not support the audible presentation of each class from a different position in space based on the directional tags. It was also understood that the references might not support an input command containing information identifying a position in space from which a class was presented. The Examiner stated that these issues would be taken under further consideration.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claims 1, 9 and 18 under §103(a), the Examiner states that Kovesdi et al. in view of Willins et al. renders the claims unpatentable. Kovesdi et al. discloses a system and method for authoring and providing information relevant to a physical world; and, Willins et al. discloses a telemetric contextually based spatial audio system integrated into a mobile terminal wireless system.

Claim 1 recites, in part, consulting the directional tags to audibly present each class from a different position in space based on the directional tags. Although Kovesdi and Willins audibly present information, the presentation of the data is not directional, i.e. is not presented from different positions in space.

Further, Claim 1 recites, in part, “interactively controlling the presentation of the sub-classes, comprising the steps of: receiving an input command from the user, said input command containing information identifying a position in space from which a class was presented; and presenting sub-class information of the class identified by said input command.” The input command contains information identifying a position in space from which a class was presented in order to present further information.

In paragraph [0046] Kovesdi describes various input mechanisms. In paragraph [0089] Kovesdi describes interface controls for providing digital text input, and an accelerated navigation of displayed indices, to remember the last accessed index, having a mode selector. And, in paragraph [0064], Kovesdi describes a location determination capability to narrow down the object identifier search space. None of these sections, or any other description provided by Kovesdi, teaches or discloses *an input command containing information identifying a position in space from which a class was presented.* Willins does not cure the defects of Kovesdi.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner specifically cite as to where a user input command *containing information identifying a position in space from which a class was presented* is set forth in the above passages.

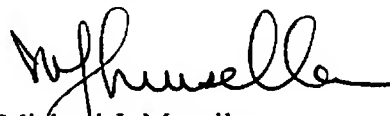
Since amended Claims 9 and 18 recite features similar to those recited in Claim 1, the arguments set forth above with respect to Claim 1 also apply to Claims 9 and 18.

Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1, 5-9, 13-18 and 22-26 under §103(a) is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 9 and 18 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 5-8, 13-17 and 22-26, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 5-8, 13-17 and 22-26 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1, 5-9, 13-18 and 22-26, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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